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**VIETNAM REFUGEE SELECTED FOR DoD SCHOLARSHIP**  
*NAVFAC NORTHWEST EMPLOYEE WINS COVETED SPOT*

**SILVERDALE, WA.** – An employee of Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Northwest has been selected as one of two Department of Defense civilians to attend the January 2008 University of Maryland one-year Masters' program.

"I am honored to have been chosen for this program, to represent the Navy and my family," said Jo Ingalsbe, a senior Realty Specialist and Public Private Venture Coordinator at NAVFAC Northwest. Ingalsbe will leave for the University of Maryland and begin studies for a Masters in Real Estate Development for Federal Real Estate Privatizations in January 2008.

The Office of the Secretary of Defense, Housing and Competitive Sourcing (H&CS) has teamed with the University of Maryland to offer a comprehensive curriculum which is tailored to educate federal managers in the broader aspects of development with emphasis in federal procurement, enhanced use leasing, asset management and issues that arise in development, operations and long-term management of privatized federal properties. This program is designed to enhance the federal government's ability to develop, negotiate and monitor public-private partnerships effectively over the long term.

As a child, Ingalsbe could only dream of being a successful person, much less obtaining such success as a government employee for the U.S. Navy. While fleeing communist Vietnam at the age of five in a boat with only a portion of her family, Ingalsbe was only concerned with reaching the safety of America and the hope and dreams of a better future.

Now, more than 30 years later, Ingalsbe has worked for the Navy for more than 17 years exclusively in the area of military family housing management, housing privatization and real estate and has been involved since its inception with the 1996 legislation authorizing the Military Housing Privatization Initiative (MHPI). This legislation allows each of the services to partner with private sector developers to finance, own, maintain, and manage military family housing.

Upon graduation from this University of Maryland at the end of 2008, Ingalsbe will return to NAVFAC Northwest to resume her role in overseeing the Northwest Region's military family housing privatization program.

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